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KNOCKING, EVER KNOCK- ING

Knocking, knocking, ever knocking!
Who is there?
'Tis a pilgrim, strange and kingly,
Never such was seen before;—
Ah, sweet soul, for such a wonder
Undo the door.

No! that door is hard to open:
Hinges rusty, latch is broken;
Bid him go.
Wherefore, with that knocking dreary
Scare the sleep from one so weary?
Say him—no.

Knocking, knocking, ever knocking?
What! Still there?
O sweet soul, but once behold him,
With the glory crowned hair;
And those eyes so strange and tender,
Waiting there;
Open! Open! Once behold him—
Him, so fair!

Did she open? Doth she? Will she?
So, as wondering we behold,
Grows the picture to a sign,
Pressed upon your soul and mine;
For in every breast that liveth
Is that strange, mysterious door;
The forsaken and betangled,
Ivy-gnarled and weed be-jangled,
Dusty, rusty, and forgotten:—
There the pierced hand still knocketh,
And with ever patient watching,
With the sad eyes true and tender,
With the glory crowned hair,—
Still a God is waiting there.
—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

As we are nearing the close of
the year and the time of the elec-

tion of church officers, we deem
it very appropriate to again call
the attention of our church mem-
bers to the importance of select-
ing the proper persons to fill
these important offices.

The work in which we are en-
gaged is the work of the Lord.
It is greater than any man, and
never should a person be chosen
to fill any office or position simply
to pay honor or respect to the
person regardless of his ability
to fill the position or the success
that is likely to attend his efforts.

Never should a person be
chosen to fill an office who has
not been faithful in his Christian
duties and who has not been
somewhat regular in his attend-
ance at the church services.
Sometimes persons are chosen as
officers in order to secure their
regular attendance, but a church
will never prosper under such
leadership. Never should selfish
motives govern in the selection
of officers, by voting or lending
our influence to select persons
because we think we will be
favored by certain ones being in
office, but, rather, in the election
of officers, we should choose for
elders and deacons those persons
who come the nearest fulfilling
the qualifications given in the
third chapter of first Timothy,
being sure they are sound in

every point of faith. Our
churches better go without of-
ficers than to elect persons who
do not believe the fundamental
points of our faith. The elder
and deacon should be men estab-
lished in the testimonies, tithing,
heathful living, etc., yet not ex-
tremists.

In electing a church treasurer,
never, never select a person who
does not pay tithe, but rather
select one of the tithe-payers in
the church, and one who will
kindly remind the members oc-
casionally that he is soon to send
tithe to the state office and would
be glad to receive all of the
Lord's money that he may for-
ward it on to the proper place.
Also select a person for this posi-
tion who will fill out correctly the
quarterly reports sent out by the
conference secretary, and return
them to him each quarter. This
is a very important matter for
the best interests of our work,
and that we may have this de-
sired information at our office.
But we are sorry to say that it
duty greatly neglected by some
of our church treasurers.

The church clerk and librarian
are not of the least importance.
They should both be fair scribes
and capable of preparing minutes
of meetings and ordering sup-
plies of literature for the church.

They should possess a missionary spirit sufficient to cause the clerk to write encouraging letters to absent members, and request each to report at least once each quarter by letter to the church. The librarian should be an active missionary, who is actually doing some missionary work among neighbors and others, and who will make an effort to stir up the members of the church to greater missionary activity.

Do not get an idea that there should never be any change in the officers and thus elect year after year the same persons; yet on the other hand, if you have faithful officers and your church is making a good degree of progress under their leadership, do not make changes simply to have a change. The most successful elders are not those who lead all the meetings themselves, but they will call to their aid from time to time other persons, thus educating and improving the gifts God has placed in the church.

We hope in the near future to present some thoughts in regard to the duties of church officers. May God bless and direct in the selection of officers for our churches for the coming year.—
W. J. Stone in Indiana Reporter.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

During the week of prayer I spent a few days at Dodge Center, attended a funeral at St. Paul, and the remaining part of the time was in Minneapolis. Our meetings at Dodge Center were solemn, and the most of those in attendance felt deeply the importance of a renewed consecration to God's message. Some of the youth expressed their purpose of living the Christian life.

Thursday evening before the week of prayer I attended a meet-

ing of the church school near Mankato, located about four miles from the town. The program arranged was conducted entirely by the students of the school. They had a tree loaded with presents, upon the top of which was a large motto, "All for Jesus."

This church school has only seven students, their ages ranging from nine to twelve years. At the proper moment one of the boys stepped forward and called the meeting to order, announcing that this was the regular meeting of the "Busy Bee Missionary Band." He then announced a hymn, after the singing of which he called for the secretary's report of the last meeting. Then followed the report of the treasurer, and then the chairman announced from time to time the general program, each of the students taking their part in a most manly or womanly manner.

The whole trend of the exercise showed not only much labor on the part of the teacher, Miss Lulu Pressnall, who had guided the whole arrangement, but the excellent work that was being done for these children. The sentiment of the exercises was elevating, and it could be said that there was nothing objectionable in the least. The birth of Christ and his mission to the world in the salvation of souls was the key-note of every song, recitation and piece spoken. After the general exercises the president announced that the gifts that had been placed upon the tree were for sale, and all of the money would be turned into the foreign mission treasury. This little band of children had in the last three months, by means of the sale of literature and articles, secured something like five dollars that has already been forwarded to the mission

fields. I was unable to learn what the sales from the tree brought that evening. It was truly soul inspiring to see this little mission band doing a work in so commendable a manner.

The meetings in Minneapolis were characterized by a solemn, heart-searching experience by all who attended. Our Sabbath service was largely attended, and a deep impression was made as the article by Elder Daniells was read to the congregation. The general feeling expressed by all who took part in the meeting was to the effect that they felt to renew their consecration of all to the cause of the Third Angel's Message. The contribution was something over one hundred dollars in the Lake street church. This will be quite largely increased as the scattered members and others are heard from.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

A SIGN

This significant article appeared in the *Atlantic Union Glanier* last week:—

On Monday, November 25, about seventy Protestant ministers and Catholic priests met together in Washington to lay plans for an aggressive campaign to secure the passage of a district Sunday law during the present congress. Before the meeting convened, however, Seventh-day Adventists were given to understand that their presence at this convention was neither necessary nor desired.

Besides the priests and preachers who took part in the deliberations, a communication was read from Cardinal Gibbons, the representative of Romanism in the United States, in which he pledged to this crusade his support, and the sympathy and co-operation of the Catholics

throughout America. This campaign is to be launched early in January, and a protracted and determined effort for its success will be made by the combined efforts of so-called Protestants and Roman Catholics.

This campaign is deeply significant. As the approach of the Roman army under Titus was a sign to the disciples of Christ that Jerusalem's destruction was impending, and that they were to flee from the doomed city, so this apostasy from the principles of Protestantism by Christendom constitutes a sign to God's people to-day that the angel of mercy is soon to take his everlasting flight from the earth. See "Testimonies," Number 32, page 207.

With apostate Protestantism and Roman Catholicism thus clasp hands for the purpose of "enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God," and God's saving message, the only remedy for the coming evil, designedly excluded, sudden destruction is the result. Shall we not seek the Lord earnestly that he may give wisdom and grace to our brethren who are meeting this issue at our nation's capital?

NOT TOO LATE

Although the blessings of the week of prayer in attending the meetings that have been held are among the events of the past, the results of this precious season of prayer and study are practically to be seen in the weeks and months to follow. If for any reason any were unable to bring in an offering on the closing Sabbath of this solemn and blessed season of prayer, it is not too late yet to do it. Scattered Sabbath-keepers and other members should not fail to remember the calls that have been

made from the foreign fields for help at this time. Surely our contributions should be much larger this year than ever before. The large increase of laborers, the multiplying calls that come from every field, the nearness of the end, as clearly pointed out by the fulfillment of all the signs that were to mark the approaching of the finishing of the gospel and the coming of Christ—all stand out with a clearness never before seen.

All this, and our need of God's grace to meet our obligations, should lead every believer in this message to consecrate his all in time, service, and talent to the cause of his Master. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of his power." This means that God's stewards, to whom he has entrusted his means, will give liberally according to their ability to push forward the triumphs of the cause to the uttermost parts of the earth. May this be the experience and the joy of all the readers of the REAPER. R. A. UNDERWOOD.

From the Field

Iowa.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

The work is onward in this part of the whitened harvest field. Souls are renouncing their allegiance to the kingdom of darkness and are placing themselves under the banner on which is inscribed, "The Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus."

Since November 1 I have visited the following churches: Shelby, Harlan, Jacksonville, Elkhorn, Exira, Audubon, Providence, Fontanelle, Eureka, Glen-

wood, Hawleyville and Corning. All along the line our people were willing to help with the \$150,000 fund. We are still working to finish this fund. We are anxious to see this fund made up so that we can go on to other work.

At Eureka the church attendance had been increased by two men giving their hearts to the service of God, and these men with their families walk six miles each Sabbath to meeting. These brethren are now holding cottage meetings in Carbon with a good interest. Drops of the latter rain are falling, and souls are reconsecrating themselves to God.

At Williamson, where Brother McComas and the writer held meetings last winter, we found the people anxious to hear more of the truth. At the close of the service the Bohemians present were invited forward to receive tracts in their language. They bought all the tracts I had, and said they wanted them to distribute among their neighbors.

During the week of prayer I remained at Corning the first three days. Wednesday, December 18, I united with Brother Burke in meetings at Hawleyville. This is the fourth week of meetings at this place, and three precious souls have united with us in keeping all of God's commandments. We are speaking to a well-filled house each night. During the week of prayer we met at 6 o'clock for prayer, and at 7:30 spoke on the truths of the message for these last days. Sabbath, December 21, \$19.45 was taken up for foreign missions. The first day offerings were spoken of, and everyone present pledged themselves to give ten cents each week during the year to come for foreign missions.

We have set to work to wake

up every church, and get them to readopt the plan of laying aside each week an offering. What an encouragement it would be to our good soldiers at the front if all our churches in the United States would give ten cents per member each week. Surely there are 50,000 Sabbath-keepers in the United States who can give this much per week, and thereby lay up their treasures beside the throne of God. This would mean \$5,000 each week, \$20,000 each month and \$260,000 each year layed up in the bank of heaven, "where thieves do not break through nor steal." It is a safe investment. May God help us all to realize that the needs of his cause demand consecration of lives and means to his work.

C. V. STARR.

Saskatchewan

MOOSE JAW

We are ever ready to read the lines of encouragement that come to us in the REAPER, and hope that our work in Minnesota will always be prompted by the hand of progress. May this week of solemn prayer bring us as a denomination into that mysterious closeness to heaven, so that an impulse, heretofore unknown, shall swing every heart into action for God. This cannot be done collectively, but individually. Each heart must seek for himself. We are seeking the Lord for his blessed spirit so that our appointed work will bear fruit.

Evangelistic services are in progress in this city, and, of course, are attended, as usual, with that superficial work of exciting the feelings. "Large numbers!" are being converted. (?) We hope some of them will find the light.

My readers of the Family Bible Teacher are still "in the ring," and some indicate a desire to search for the hidden treasure. We have sold a few books to some of them. One day, as I was making my regular rounds, I sold ten "Coming Kings." I expect to deliver about thirty books next week. It is an easy matter to put books in many of these homes after you have become acquainted with the inmates. Just do it in an off-hand way. Of course you are not a book agent, but having this or that book in your library, and knowing it would help them as it has helped you, it would be well for them to purchase it, and so on. Our work is promising, and we are enjoying it very much.

A. C. GILBERT.

South Dakota

CHAMBERLAIN

The week of prayer was a blessing to our people in this place. All Seventh-day Adventists in this city are new in the truth, and they say the meetings were the best we have ever had. Each evening at the sanitarium the helpers and managers spent from 7:30 to 8 P. M. in little bands seeking God for his blessing. Then at 8 P. M. we all met in the helpers' dining room and listened to the reading of the article prepared, and prayed to God for help and praised him for his goodness and love to each one of us. Those at the head of this great work under God were especially remembered in our prayers, as also the work in the foreign fields and in the home land. It was indeed a time of refreshing to us all. The spirit of unity pervaded our work, and is manifest among all of God's people in this

place. We feel like pressing on in the great work God has given each one of us to do.

C. M. CLARK.

PLEASE NOTICE

It has been arranged for work to be done among our churches this winter, which we are sure will be appreciated by our brethren and sisters everywhere.

Elders Harter and Neilsen will fill the following appointments nothing preventing.

Woonsocket.....	January 3-9
Artesian.....	" 10-16
Huron.....	" 17-21
La Delle.....	" 22-27
Willow Lake (country)....	" 28-31
Willow Lake (city).....	February 1-4
Ash Grove.....	" 5-10

These laborers will write to the various churches and make final arrangements for the work. They are at liberty to change these dates to meet the conditions. May the Lord bless these meetings to the saving of precious souls.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother O. I. Roderick and Sister Maggie Buckstead, both of the Chamberlain sanitarium, were married Wednesday evening, December 18, at the home of Elder and Mrs. Christian, at Parker, S. D. After a short trip they will return to their work at the sanitarium. Our best wishes for a long, happy and useful life follows this union as these young people enter the untrodden paths of life.

Brother Daniel Wall and Professor Benson have made a trip in the northern part of the state in the interest of the young people's and church school work. We hear excellent reports of their work, and hearts are rejoicing in the truth as a result.

Miss Florence Miller, state

Sabbath school secretary, is making a tour among the churches in the interest of her work. She conducted a very profitable discussion of the Sabbath school work at the Sioux Falls church.

Geo. W. Miller, our state canvassing agent, is enjoying a pleasant visit with his relatives at Wentworth Station, Nova Scotia, whom he has not seen for some years.

Sister Belle S. Witte, of Pierce S. D., has moved to Sioux Falls, and has placed her children in the church school. The school now has an enrolment of eighteen.

A supply of the Sabbath school quarterlies for next quarter has been received at the office, and it would be well for all orders to be sent in as early as possible.

All who are interested in the book work will be sorry to learn of the removal of Brother C. D. Terwillegar from Aberdeen, S. D., to Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Elder R. E. Harter was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Church Federation which convened in Sioux Falls, December 10 and 11.

Elders Christian and Neilsen spent a short time at the tract society office last week enroute to the places assigned them for the week of prayer.

Elder R. E. Harter has gone to his home in Langford for a few days.

North Dakota

WHEELOCK

The Sabbath has passed and the week of prayer is closed. In the testimony meeting which followed our reading to-day nearly everyone remarked how much he had been benefited by attending the meetings. One

other person was added to the membership to-day. This makes seventeen who have been added to this church since our coming here. I believe more would come if we were to remain here. This field should be worked. It needs a faithful young minister and his wife to come here and locate. The minister should labor from home to home and hold meetings, and his wife should teach church school. There are a fine lot of young people here, and the people want a school. The REAPER should be in every family in the Northern Union Conference, and we have been laboring to this end with a fair degree of success.

My plan for the future is to attend the meeting of the North Dakota conference, December 25-29, and then to be present at the meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference, January 9-19. I expect to unite with that conference, and to help with the work in that field in whatever way the Lord directs. The message is spreading with mighty force. The loud cry is here. We who have been long in the message have great reason to rejoice in God our Saviour. Already we can exclaim, "Great and marvelous are thy works," in this closing message.

Wishing the REAPER family an abundance of blessing in their work and labors of love, I am your brother in the blessed hope.

A. O. BURRILL.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES ACADEMY

Brother Henry Human, on returning from the German council held at Chicago last week, gave a very interesting account of the meeting to the school in the academy chapel. From his talk we gather that the spirit of progress and expansion is rapidly

taking possession of this people in all places, and in all branches of the cause. We are glad for this, and wish to be prepared quickly to do our part in it. Let the brethren of the North Dakota conference pray that the young people in the school may be kept from the power of evil till their work is done.

We are now planning to entertain the delegates and visitors to the North Dakota conference to be held December 25-29. With the present good weather, there will doubtless be a large gathering; but we expect to provide accommodations for all. Our students are showing a noble spirit in planning to crowd together to make room for visitors. We all believe in the message, and desire to share in its privations as well as in its success at last.

Elder Walker and Brother C. L. Benoon arrived in time to share the Sabbath services with the school, and to contribute also to the blessings of the day. Brother Benson gave a very interesting and profitable talk at the young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon. The keynote of the talk was "personal service" and "now."

The week of prayer has proved a great blessing here; besides helping several to decide for the service of the Lord, over a hundred dollars has been given to the annual offering for missions by the academy family.

The attendance at the academy is now the highest it has been at any time in the history of the school. Enrolment, 50; actual attendance, 48. An excellent spirit prevails, and good class work is being done.

Marx and Hazel Murray, and Brother Juhl, of Lincoln, are visitors at the academy.

N. W. LAWRENCE.

Minnesota

STEWARTVILLE

Since our last report to the REAPER we have not held many public meetings, but have been doing the work that is more effectual, namely, house to house work, holding Bible studies and scattering literature. Sabbath, December 14, was a good day for the little company here. We were all made to rejoice when a family, for whom we have been working and praying, came out for the first time. We had about given up hope of seeing them take hold this winter, but we can not always tell the struggle that is going on with the spirit. This much we did know, that to the best of our ability we had given the last message of mercy, and we felt we might leave the matter in the hands of the Lord to work out in his own way the promise of Isa. 55:10, 11.

It is good to see a whole family come out this way. There are six children, and these will add nicely to our little Sabbath school. As this brother was a leading man in the M. E. church he was not given up without a struggle. They used their heaviest guns, the "Canright literature," but it only helped to strengthen the truth. They also sent to Racine for another minister to come and work with him, but as this man could not meet the Bible satisfactorily with "traditions of men," Mark 7:17, it proved another instrument to strengthen the truth. Needless to say we were anxiously watching and praying for victory, and to our heavenly Father belongs all praise. The brother has some little accounts which he is anxious to straighten up, and has a very nice piano-cased organ which he will sell very cheap.

THE BOOK WORK

SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING DEC. 21

Name	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Ole Tronson	C. K.		1	2 50		2 50	2 50
Lusebia Nott	H. M.	36					85 25
D. H. Buller	H. M.	20	8	14 00	50	14 50	104 25
A. G. Newcomb	H. M.	14	7	12 25	25	12 50	
Totals,	4 agents	70	16	\$28 75	\$ 75	\$29 50	\$192 00

Anyone desiring a good organ would do well to write the undersigned. The organ is as good as new, and has a beautiful tone. The purchaser will also help one in need.

There are now four adults keeping the Sabbath as the result of the tent effort here this summer, and there are others in the "valley."

Our week of prayer meetings were all marked by the spirit of full consecration. Those living seven or eight miles in the country came in to most of the meetings. Sabbath, December 21, I spent with the church at Pine Island. We had a good meeting, and the spirit of the Lord came in in a special way. Some members of the company were not present. It makes me feel sad to see our older members becoming "overcharged with the cares of this life" and dropping out by the way. Brethren, let us be faithful a little longer, "for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Our courage in the Lord is good and our faith in the final triumph of this message was never stronger. We earnestly desire the prayers of the REAPER family.

J. M. COMER.

DULUTH

The week of prayer has proved a blessed occasion to our little company here. Personally I think I never enjoyed a week of prayer more. Every meeting was well attended, and from the

very first there was evidence that the Spirit of God was present; and while there was no marked demonstration at any time during the week, the quiet movings of the Holy Spirit were manifested, and there was an evident determination on the part of nearly all to draw near to God.

On several occasions there were outsiders in attendance, and these all seemed favorably impressed with the meetings. We hope that in some cases this may be the beginning of a real interest to know more of the truth for this time. The closing meeting of the week of prayer was an occasion of special blessing. It seemed that the meetings grew steadily better from the very first, and on the last Sabbath the Lord came especially near. As we listened to the reading our hearts were cheered and encouraged, and yet a feeling of solemnity rested upon us as we realized the sacred responsibility that goes with being connected with this message. After the reading we had a short social service in which nearly all took part. Hearts became tender under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and lives were dedicated to God; one taking a stand for the first time. This was followed by the celebration of the ordinances, which circumstances had seemed to make necessary at this time. The whole was a blessed occasion.

Our work here is onward. Four persons have recently signified their intention to obey the truth, and we hope to see them fully

established. One of these is in Superior, Wisconsin, and will be connected with the company there. Two kept their first Sabbath last Sabbath. Others are interested, and we hope to see quite a number taking their stand for the truth. Our courage is good, and we are determined to press the battle. Pray that God will baptize us with power with which to do his work, and finally give us an entrance into his eternal kingdom.

C. M. BABCOCK.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY

By the time this article is read school will be in session again for twenty-two weeks of earnest, thorough work. We believe that all will return with renewed energy to their studies after the short vacation at their homes.

In reviewing our work for the fourteen weeks that are past, we find that most of the classes are farther advanced in their work than at the same time last year, and that some classes have made such good progress as to place them ahead of high school classes using the same books, although our school opened two weeks later than the public schools.

Several persons have already written that they are coming to the academy early in January. This is a most favorable time for those to enter who have some subjects or grades uncompleted, for all the subjects in our course will be completed and thoroughly reviewed before the close of the term.

New classes will soon be formed in civil government, commercial law, botany, senior arithmetic and senior grammar. The Bible classes may be entered at any time, and the work in history of missions will be followed by denominational history. Now is

the time to come. Do not delay, but write at once to the principal.

H. J. SHELDON.

MINNEAPOLIS SCANDINAVIAN WORK

Our hearts are overflowing with praise to the Lord for the blessed week of prayer we have had together. Our meetings have been in the homes, among the brethren, and we have had from one to four meetings each day. Each reading has been enjoyed and considered with interest, and has given us a deeper insight into the great extent and conquering progress of the message in the last year. As a fruit of this blessing the offering this year was larger than that of any previous year; yes, it was more than double.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and look to the future with the brightest hopes for the progress of the message, not among the Scandinavians alone, but in all the world. The spirit of God is working upon many hearts, and some are choosing with Moses, the reproach of Christ, and dare to follow him in the narrow way. H. STEEN.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Quarterly meeting services were held at the Minneapolis (English) church last Sabbath. In spite of the cold weather a large portion of the membership were present and took part in the ordinances. Elder A. W. Kuehl officiated.

Brother John Grundset, of Barnesville, spent a few days in Minneapolis last week. He came to the city to be present at the marriage of his daughter, Ina Grundset to Gustaf Hendrickson, Thursday evening.

Elder F. A. Detamore passed

through Minneapolis on Wednesday last enroute to Good Thunder. He reports a successful trip in the interest of the St. Paul-Duluth church fund.

The auditing committee met in Minneapolis Tuesday, December 31, to audit the accounts of the conference laborers for the year just past.

Brother Anol Grundset, of Eau Claire, Wis., was a visitor in Minneapolis last week. Brother Grundset is a minister laboring in Wisconsin.

OBITUARY

BROWN—Died in North Dakota, December 18, 1907, Filander Brown, aged 69 years, 10 months, and 17 days. He was buried at his home at Kasota, Minn. He was one of the first members of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Kasota. We trust he will be among those who will come forth in the first resurrection. He leaves a wife, five daughters, and three sons to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

A. W. KUEHL.

WETSEL—Died at her home in Princeton, Minn., December 6, 1907, Sybil G. Wetzel, aged 67 years, 3 months, and 12 days. She became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church nearly fifteen years ago, and was a faithful member until the day of her death. She fell asleep with the bright hope of a glorious resurrection. One daughter and six sons are left to mourn the loss of a loved mother. Services were conducted by the writer.

A. W. KUEHL.

MANHART—Ulrich Manhart was born January 1, 1832, in Ontario, Can., and died December 23, 1907, in Greendale township, Minnesota, aged 75 years, 11 months, and 22 days. The funeral service was held at Northfield, and the body was laid to rest in the Northfield cemetery. A wife and two sons are left to mourn. Brother Manhart was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Dunbar for twelve years. He was a very earnest Christian and zealous for the truth. Words of comfort were spoken by A. W. KUEHL.

WANTED—A faithful and able man to work on fruit and dairy farm. Address J. C. Kraushaar, Alden, Minn., R. R. 1.

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686, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sun sets Friday, Jan. 3, at 4:39.

THREE Sunday bills, which were introduced during the last session of congress but did not get through before adjournment, have been promptly brought to the front again and introduced into the present congress. A few days ago the Ministerial Association of Washington, D. C., and the clergy of the Roman Catholic church of the same city, held a mass meeting and organized a campaign for the purpose of securing Sunday legislation for the District of Columbia. Seventh-day Adventists and Jews were purposely excluded from this meeting. A call will be made for our people to meet this contingency, as it will require a united and vigorous effort all over the country to educate the people to understand and meet these issues. Petition blanks and appropriate literature is being prepared dealing with this issue, and as soon as it is ready notice will be given to all of the people.

SINCE our Sabbath school donations were turned toward the support of the mission work, twenty years ago, over half a million dollars has been given to carry the message to foreign lands. If all our donations had been given to missions, the investment of our schools in the mission work would be almost one million dollars. Of the \$832,011.92 contributed, \$272,504.09 has been retained in the schools and used for local expenses. Had our schools purchased their supplies in some other way than from the donations, this great sum might all have been used in forwarding our mission work. It is hoped the time is not far distant when our Sabbath schools will be giving regularly \$100,000 a year for mission work.

PROFESSOR M. E. KERN writes: "There has been an unavoidable delay in filling the orders for "Into All the World," as the publishers are entirely out of it. A new edition is being printed, but is not yet ready for delivery. We greatly regret this, and there seems to be nothing we can do but suspend the reading course for a week or two, as there are a large number who have not yet received their books. Let all write up the review questions on "Early Writings," send them in to their conference secretary, and be ready to begin on the new book.

A RECEPTION was tendered Professor and Mrs. C. C. Lewis by the faculty and students of Union College on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, Thursday evening, December 12. The reception was a surprise to the professor and his wife, but it had been arranged for them, and at the proper time they were

quietly escorted to the chapel, where more than five hundred students were gathered to greet them. A brief program had been arranged, and this added interest to the occasion.

THE indications are that the Bookmen's Convention will be a profitable meeting. Representatives will be present from almost all lines of missionary work, and most helpful instruction will be given. While the work with the books will be the principal feature, the tract society secretary will have his part in the program. All who have a desire to learn how to work, and are within reaching distance of this meeting, should make an endeavor to attend its sessions.

OCCASIONALLY articles are received at this office to which the writers have not attached their names. If the writers do not wish their names to appear with the article they are permitted to use other signatures, but it is essential to publication that the name of the writer of each article be known to the editor of the REAPER.

DR. H. W. MILLER will in a short time start on his return journey to China, and with him will go three or more of the first recruits from the Foreign Mission Seminary. The work in the seminary is proving a strong factor in preparing workers for the mission fields.

ELDER R. A. UNDERWOOD and Prof. C. L. Benson are attending the North Dakota conference meeting at Harvey. Professor Benson held a number of meetings with the students at the academy.